Summer 2015

KIDS KRAZE

Programs and activities offered by



For more information, contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department at 812-349-3700 or visit us at bloomington.in.gov/parks. Register at bloomington.in.gov/parks or stop by the office at City Hall, 401 N. Morton St., Suite 250.



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Bryan Park and Mills Pools open May 23!

Pools Hotline: 812-349-3741

Bryan Park Pool

1020 S. Woodlawn Ave. • 812-349-3741 Open May 23-September 7

Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Back-to-school hours:

Weekdays, August 3—September 3 from 3–8 p.m. Weekends remain 11 a.m.–8 p.m. during this time.

Daily admission rates

Youth (17 yrs. and under) \$3 Adult \$4

Waterslides* \$2.50

*General admission fee does not include use of waterslides.

Mills Pool

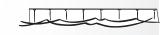
1100 W. 14th St. • 812-349-3741

Open May 23-August 2 Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Daily admission rates

Youth (17 yrs. and under) \$3

Adult \$4



Economy punch passes available for both pools! Visit our Web site for details.

Operating hours are subject to change based on weather conditions. For updates, call the Pools Hotline.

Portions of the main pool may also close for programs, low attendance, or lifeguard shortages.



Learn-to-Swim at Bryan Park Pool

We offer lessons for many skill levels! For more information or to register, visit bloomington.in.gov/parks.

Monday-Thursday • 30 minutes • \$55/in-city, \$65/non-city

Session I: June 1–11 • Register by 5/29.

Session II: June 22–July 2 • Register by 6/19.

Session III: July 13–23 • Register by 7/10.



Big rigs or bust at the 15th annual Touch a Truck!
Get up close and personal with fire trucks, ambulances, buses, bucket trucks, and more. Explore and learn about the inner and outer workings of all your favorite vehicles.

For more information contact Lynsie Haag at 812-349-3718 or haagl@bloomington.in.gov. Call the Community Events Hotline at 812-349-3754 for weather-related cancellations.

Wednesday, June 10 * 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

\$1/per person • Geared toward ages 1–10 yrs.

Twin Lakes Sports Park, 2350 W. Bloomfield Rd., parking lot; additional parking at Twin Lakes Recreation Center.

Rain date: June 11



Kids get crazy with their hands when we let them dig into all kinds of messy mediums, with no worries about creating chaos in the house. These hands-on activities will delight every youngster who loves to squish, splatter, and fling! Let us take care of the prep time and cleanup, while you and your child experience a morning of head-to-toe, ooey gooey good times.

Tuesday, July 14 • 9 a.m.-noon Bryan Park, 1001 S. Henderson St.— Henderson and North Shelters

\$5/child • For ages 1-8 yrs. w/parent.

For more information, contact Lynsie Haag at 812-349-3718 or haagl@bloomington.in.gov.





Saturday, July 11

9-10:30 a.m.

For ages 5-10 yrs. w/parent.

\$15/child

Register by 6/26 • 21002-A

Encourage children to get active with this fun, non-competitive event!

50-meter swim • 11/2-mile cycle • 1/2-mile run

Participants begin each event together so no one is left behind. Children must bring their own bikes and bike helmets for the cycle portion, and bathing suits and life jackets (if desired) for the swim portion. Refreshments and fruit are provided for triathletes during and after the event.

Information session for athletes and parents at 5:30 p.m. on June 17 at Bryan Park Pool.

For more information, contact Alison Miller at 812-349-3771 or milleal@bloomington.in.gov.

- Experience he Great Outdoors

Children under age 12 yrs. must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Scour the Parks for Sasquatch ... and a Yeti

Attention all citizens. A Sasquatch has once again been spotted in our area, and this time he's not alone.

He told his relatives about all of his adventures in Bloomington and a Yeti decided that he wanted in on the fun. Each of them has been working with the Parks and Recreation Department to set up their own unique treasure hunt spread out across City parks and facilities. Interested teams can register to join the search and pick up their treasure hunting packets at the Parks and Recreation office. Registration cost is per team. Registration is ongoing, so you can join the hunt at any time.

Yeti's Treasure Hunt: Since this is his first time visiting Bloomington, the Yeti has designed a hunt more focused on the fun of exploring the City than on solving complicated riddles. If you have a team with a lot of younger members or prefer to search at a more leisurely pace, then the Yeti's hunt is for you. He is offering a reward to every team that manages to complete his hunt.

5/1-8/31 • 24008-A

\$10/in-city, \$12/non-city • For all ages. NEW!





Sasquatch's Treasure Hunt:

The Sasquatch loves playing tricks and has designed another challenging hunt this year. If you enjoy difficult puzzles, then you are in the right place. He is offering a reward to every team that manages to complete his hunt and is offering an extra reward to the team that completes his hunt first.

5/1-8/31 • 24008-B

\$10/in-city, \$12/non-city • For all ages.

Bug Fest

Learn all about amazing insects at Bloomington's third annual Bug Fest! Go on an insect safari, handle cool insects, make a craft, and participate in a mealworm race or cricket spitting contest. There will be speakers and information booths on a variety of buggy topics. This event is a collaboration of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, Monroe County Parks and Recreation, The WonderLab Museum, Purdue Extension office, and Hilltop Gardens at Indiana University.

Sa 6/27 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • FREE • For all ages. Hilltop Gardens at Indiana University, 2367 E. 10th St.

Eco Outpost at Griffy Lake

Eco Outpost

Looking for a fun, new way to interact with the great outdoors? Visit the Eco Outpost, a hands-on place to explore nature. Check out our display of natural objects like fossils, pine cones, and seashells, and learn how you can earn Eco Bucks that can be traded for any of the objects in the Outpost's collection. Borrow an Explorer Backpack and take a fun-filled trek through the woods or your own backyard. The Eco Outpost is open during boathouse hours.

Explorer Backpack Program

Stop by the Eco Outpost at the Griffy Lake boathouse and borrow an Explorer Backpack to help you discover the wonders of nature around Griffy Lake. The backpack is filled with activities and guides that will help you and your family explore the wildlife, plants and natural features of Griffy Lake. Backpacks are free to use and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit our Web site for more **Great Outdoors nature programs.**

Fourth of July Parade!

Saturday, July 4 * 10 a.m.

10 a.m. 11:15 a.m. **Bloomington Community Band** on the Courthouse Square **Fourth of July Parade Parade Awards** on the Courthouse Square

Excel Tae Kwon Do NEW

This class focuses on coordination, discipline and self-confidence in a fun and safe environment. Excel TKD is taught by Master Emeline O'Connor, a 4th-degree black belt with more than 20 years of experience. Some of her achievements include multiple National and Junior Olympic Championships in the AAU and USSSA organizations, AAU and USSSA National team member, and the first woman to be inducted in the USSSA Hall of Fame. The ultimate goal at Excel TKD is to mold future black belts into the best martial artists they can be. Instructor: Emeline O'Connor

M 7/6-8/24 • 5:30-6:30 p.m. • Register by 7/12 • 25016-E Tu 7/7-8/25 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • Register by 7/12 • 25016-F Sa 7/11-8/29 • 10:30-11:30 a.m. • Register by 7/12 • 25016-G Sa 7/11-8/29 • 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. • Register by 7/12 • 25016-H \$50 • For ages 4 yrs. and up.

Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

Youth Tennis Lessons

Classes meet twice each week for four weeks. Instructors are accomplished players and trained through the USTA curriculum. Typical student-to-teacher ratio is 5:1. For more information, contact Dee Tuttle at 349-3762 or tuttled@bloomington.in.gov.



Winslow Sports Complex

Session I: June 1-25

\$38/in-city, \$46/non-city • Register by 5/22.

M, W • 5–5:45 p.m. • For ages 5–8 yrs. • 27001-1A Tu, Th • 5–5:45 p.m. • For ages 5–8 yrs. • 27001-1B Tu, Th • 5:45–6:30 p.m. • For ages 9–12 yrs. • 27001-1C

Tu, Th • 6:30–7:15 p.m. • For ages 9–12 yrs. • 27001-1D

Session II: July 6-30

\$38/in-city, \$46/non-city • Register by 6/26.

M, W • 5-5:45 p.m. • For ages 5-8 yrs. • 27001-2A Tu, Th • 5–5:45 p.m. • For ages 5–8 yrs. • 27001-2B Tu, Th • 5:45–6:30 p.m. • For ages 9–12 yrs. • 27001-2C

Tu, Th • 6:30–7:15 p.m. • For ages 9–12 yrs. • 27001-2D

Private Tennis Lessons

If group lessons are not your style or if you like more personalized attention, private lessons are available from our group instructors. Times are flexible. For more information, contact Dee Tuttle at 349-3762 or tuttled@bloomington.in.gov.



Friday, September 4 6-8 p.m. • For all ages. Bryan Park, 1001 S. Henderson St.

named a Playful City USA by KaBOOM! We'll have games and playful activities for kids of all ages. Stay until dusk and watch "Hairspray" on the big screen!